PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:

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TITLE:

METHOD OF CONNECTING A MOBILE CONTROL AND/OR MONITORING UNIT TO A MACHINE AND A CONTROL AND/OR

MONITORING UNIT FOR SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATT: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this patent application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-25 and replace with new claims 26-50 as follows:

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and/or monitoring unit to at least one machine or at least one machine component in a group or a plurality of machines or machine components to be controlled and/or monitored, for example robots, characterised in that during a connection or log-on procedure between the control and/or monitoring unit and the respective machine or a distant point on the machine, a clear link or log-on connection is set up by means of interfaces to the selected, wireless direction-finder of the corresponding distant point or by means of transmitters and/or receivers tuned to the transmission range or reception range, having a limited, localised functional or operating range and, once the connection